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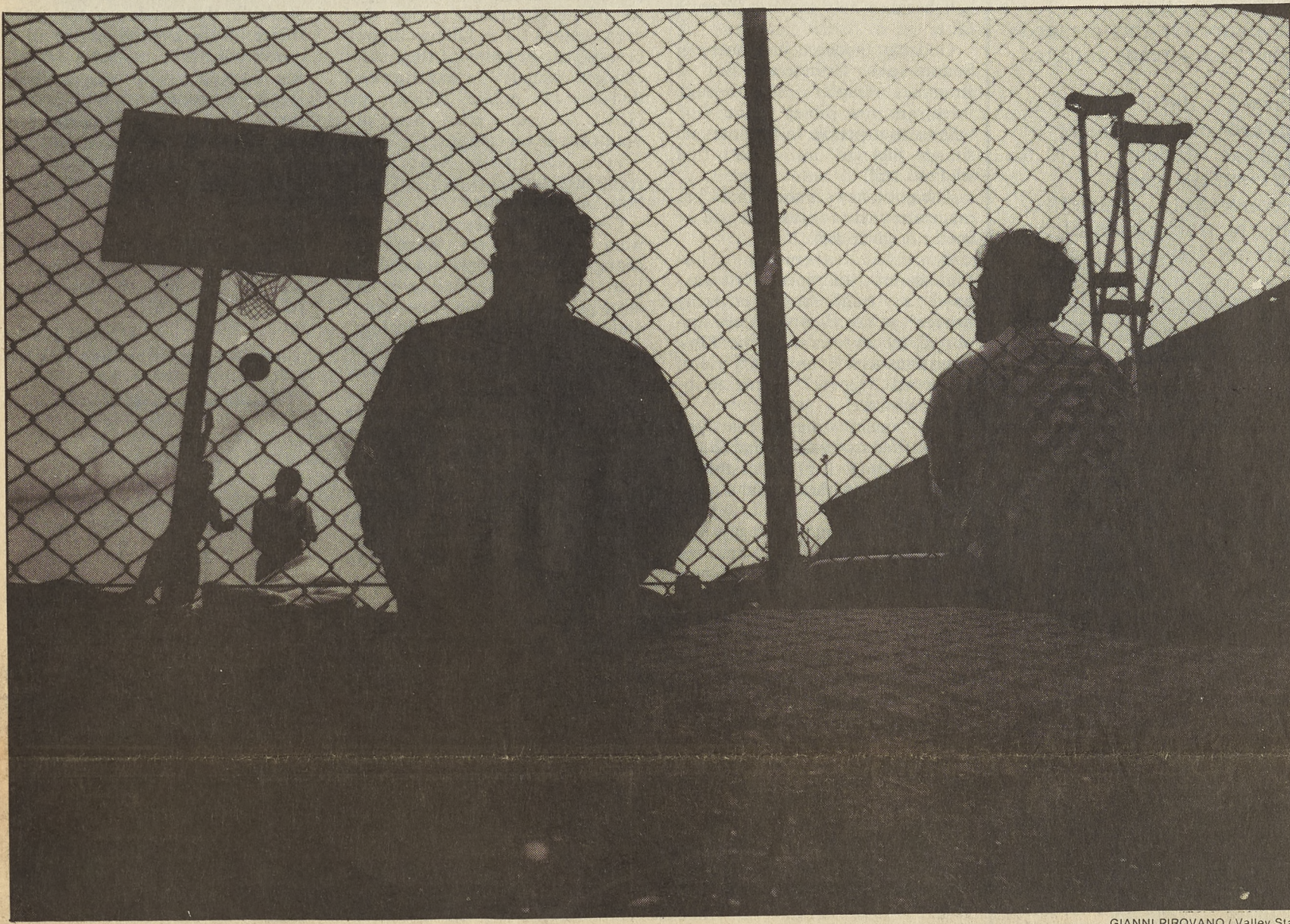
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Hanging out...

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WISTFUL WATCHERS — Spectator with crutches awaits his turn.

ASU proposes major changes

ASU president seeks removal of two key members and changes in constitution.

By DIANA MOSS
Assoc. News Editor

Associated Student Union President Lisa Walker has proposed plans for two important changes at ASU: removal of two key members and a new constitution, at Tuesday's Executive Council meeting.

Walker said two Executive Council members had excessive absences and the president's cabinet was recommending their expulsion in accordance with the ASU bylaws.

Christina Quacquarelli, vice president, and William Koegler, commissioner of elections, have exceeded the allowable three-unexcused-absence limit to the Executive Council meetings, said Walker.

Dr. Gloria Miranda, assistant dean of student affairs and ASU adviser, said she is looking through past minutes to verify Quacquarelli's and Koegler's attendance and until she has proof they will not be expelled from office.

Koegler is contesting the claim. "All my absences were cleared by Dr. Miranda," said Koegler.

Koegler said his absences were a "mixture of illness and work." He said Walker has had a vendetta against him, including allegations of his incompetence as commissioner of elections.

"The more confusion she causes, the less people are able to see what's really going on," said Koegler.

"Lisa Walker is antagonistic toward other members of council, which makes it very difficult to work with her," said Koegler. "People tell me before they go in the meetings that there are a lot of other places they'd rather be than sitting across the table from Lisa Walker."

Some of Quacquarelli's missed meetings may have occurred during the summer months, said Miranda. "I need documentation and time," she said, before she can say if either will be officially removed from of-

fice.

Walker and Koegler both claim to head the election committee. Walker is able to head the committee because the president is an ex-officio member of all ASU committees. "I am still the head of the committee. I was at the beginning of the semester and I still am," Koegler said.

At Tuesday's Council meeting, it was also made public that Kristen Jaeger, ASU recording secretary, has resigned from her post for undisclosed reasons. After being unanimously approved, Sean Dupont is taking on the job as recording secretary, along with the corresponding secretary's duties.

Members of the Executive Council worked on revising the current ASU constitution over the winter break. Several of the council members felt it was necessary to make changes in the document because it is out-of-date and parts do not pertain to current ASU activities.

Copies of the first draft were handed out to all members of the council who were present at Tuesday's meeting.

Some of the proposed changes include adding a preamble to the Constitution and changing the name from Associated Student Union to Associated Students Organization. The creation of three offices, vice president of academic affairs, vice president of student affairs and executive vice president and the elimination of treasurer and vice president is proposed under the new constitution.

Another possible change would be adding a Congress of Academic Affairs, which would consist of representatives from each department.

All members of the Executive Council are reviewing the proposed Constitution, so that it will be finalized and put to a vote by the ASU executive body at next Tuesday's meeting.

Burns defends bookstore's buy back policy

By JEANNETTE REGALADO
Staff Writer

The Valley College bookstore's semesterly Book Buy Back, a chance for students to sell back their used textbooks, isn't the golden opportunity it is thought to be, according to some students.

One of them is Roxana Sedaghat, who is studying architecture. She bought a physics book for \$51 and received \$25 when she sold it back to the bookstore, which resold it for \$45. "It was in good condition,"

said Sedaghat. "I had used only three chapters in it."

The Valley College bookstore is offering its semesterly Book Buy Back until Feb. 2. The Book Buy Back gives students the opportunity to regain some money with the books they can no longer use or want, explained Claudette Burns, bookstore manager.

The bookstore offers students 50 percent off the original book price; the used books are resold for three-quarters of the price of a new book.

"Our purpose is to provide the students with as many used books as

possible," said Burns. "We are thinking of the student's finances."

To students who feel cheated, Burns said, "I hope you [at least] got a lot out of the class. I suggest you shop with friends and try to reutilize one book." Burns defends the buy back program: "We give the opportunity not to get stuck with the book."

Burns describes the bookstore operation as "like any other retail store." She said other retail stores would not let the purchaser handle the merchandise for 20 weeks and then return it for 50 percent of the price.

"We need to make a profit to break even," said Burns. "Our margin of profit is much smaller than other retail stores. Our profit for Book Buy Back is 25 percent."

The bookstore gives full refunds for the first 15 school days of the semester.

Not all books can be bought back. "If the faculty uses a different book or a new edition of the book comes out, we do not need the book," said Burns.

If the text is not being re-used, the bookstore offers the wholesale price

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Seminar confronts issues of sexuality facing disabled persons in America

By LUTHER ORRICK
Staff Writer

Mary Bella, Associated Student Union commissioner of disabled awareness, along with Dr. Robert Scott, assistant dean of the disabled student programs and services, organized a seminar dealing with the myths and stereotypes that have to do with the disabled, specifically in the area of sexuality.

The goal of the seminar was to set people straight that disabled people have sexual feelings. They can have sex and they shouldn't be stereotyped as not having the desire to be romantic just because of their appearance.

Speakers Dr. Paul Longmore and Barbara Waxman spoke to a large

audience in Monarch Hall yesterday at noon.

According to Bella, there is a lack of understanding among students and society in general. "A student who is a 'regular person' on campus would look at me and say, 'Hey, she's in a wheel chair. Why is she doing a seminar like this? She can't have sex with anybody,'" said Bella. "That's what we want to stop, people stereotyping or putting a label on us in that area as well as in other awareness areas."

The biggest impact Bella hopes to have is to prevent disabled students from putting themselves down and that they can participate in anything like everybody else.

"And we are like everybody else; it's just that we can't move as fast. We can't use our legs or arms, but

we can use our minds. That doesn't mean we can't feel, love, or have those types of emotions," said Bella. "We also have the desire to mate with someone that would be usually named 'normal.'"

The seminar started with a brief video to orient the audience about the topic. The video included interviews with many handicapped people living in institutions and on their own.

The guest speakers, both of whom are handicapped, were interviewed in the video. After the video, Scott introduced Longmore, who said the disabled are regarded in negation.

Longmore told the audience: "There are really two

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Final Examination Schedule

Fall semester 1989

Wednesday, January 24 - Thursday, February 1

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the first regular class meeting time after January 23.

Classes of less-than-semester length (4, 5, 6, 8 or 9-week classes) will have their final exam at the last meeting of the class.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will have final exams as follows:
Monday classes: Jan. 29
Tuesday classes: Jan. 30
Wednesday classes: Jan. 24
Thursday classes: Jan. 25

All Saturday classes will have final exams on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8 to 10 a.m.

	7 a.m. & 7:30 M or W or F	7 a.m. & 7:30 Tu or TH	8 a.m. & 8:30 M or W or F	8 a.m. & 8:30 Tu or TH	9 a.m. & 9:30 M or W or F	9 a.m. & 9:30 Tu or TH
CLASSES MEETING ON						
FINAL ON	Wed. Jan. 24 8-10	Thurs. Feb. 1 8-10	Fri. Jan. 26 8-10	Tues. Jan. 30 8-10	Mon. Jan. 29 8-10	Thurs. Jan. 25 8-10
CLASSES MEETING ON	10 a.m. & 10:30 M or W or F	10 a.m. & 10:30 Tu or TH	11 a.m. & 11:30 M or W or F	11 a.m. & 11:30 Tu or TH	Noon & 12:30 M or W or F	Noon & 12:30 Tu or TH
FINAL ON	Wed. Jan. 24 10:30-12:30	Thurs. Jan. 25 10:30-12:30	Fri. Jan. 26 10:30-12:30	Tues. Jan. 30 10:30-12:30	Mon. Jan. 29 1-3	Thurs. Feb. 1 10:30-12:30
CLASSES MEETING ON	1 p.m. & 1:30 M or W or F	1 p.m. & 1:30 Tu or TH	2 p.m. & 2:30 M or W or F	2 p.m. & 2:30 Tu or TH	3 p.m. & 3:30 M or W or F	3 p.m. & 3:30 Tu or TH
FINAL ON	Wed. Jan. 31 1-3	Thurs. Jan. 25 1-3	Wed. Jan. 24 1-3	Tues. Jan. 30 1-3	Fri. Jan. 26 1-3	Thurs. Feb. 1 1-3

In case of conflicts or for make-up exams, see instructor

—STAR EDITORIAL—

AIDS—
alive, well and spreading

Is the AIDS epidemic raging out of control in the United States as it has in parts of central and eastern Africa, where 20 percent of the population, some estimates even higher, have been infected with the deadly human immunosuppressive virus (HIV)? Yes.

It is estimated 7.5 million people worldwide have been infected with AIDS. In fact, 1.5 million of those people live right here in the United States.

A recent national study found that in Miami, New York and other cities where AIDS is prevalent, one percent of fifteen and sixteen-year-olds have HIV infections.

In cities where cases of AIDS are rare, 3 in 1,000 fifteen and sixteen-year-olds are infected.

Moreover, AIDS is steadily becoming a disease that affects America's poor. According to the National Public Health and Hospital Institute study, 23 percent of AIDS patients were indigent or uninsured; 50 million Americans have little or no health insurance.

By the end of 1989, more than 100,000 Americans had contracted the HIV virus.

Although many people know that AIDS can

be contracted through unprotected anal and vaginal sex, as well as through hypodermic needles infected with the virus, there are still people who are unaware of the fact that the oral transmission of AIDS was recently documented as a possibility.

The war on drugs, the spread of European democracy and the Central American backlash have all lead to the media's neglect of the AIDS epidemic. AIDS is still alive and well, and spreading at a surprising rate.

Until scientist find a cure for this dreaded disease, the future for those already infected looks dim.

Even though abstinence is the effective way of preventing the spread or obtainment of AIDS, for many college students it is a simplistic answer to a complex issue.

Condoms, when used correctly, are an effective way of preventing the transmission of the HIV virus, but are still not 100 percent effective.

More young Americans have died due to AIDS than were killed in Vietnam. AIDS has transformed all of our views about sex and death.

Love in the face of AIDS

By JOSEPH UMBRINO
Special to the Star

We are all affected by the tragic disease of HIV [AIDS]. Many of us have lost dear friends...friends and family who have touched our lives, who have contributed to our growth, who have made us laugh and who we have loved with all our hearts.

We have shared the daily struggles that people affected by AIDS face, the dignity they maintain, the courage they project and the continual inspiration they give us all.

We read and hear the statistics. Most of the time they are not encouraging. The silent war rages on.

In the midst of all the sorrow, all the pain, and all of the devastating statistics is a light...a light that is strong and complete and radiates hope in this desperate time. It is the light of the volunteer.

Volunteers who come from every walk of life, every social and ethnic background, and every age group. They bring with them cheer, empathy, compassion, inspiration and most of all, love.

I started as a volunteer for the New York Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) in New York City in 1987. I had lost several friends to AIDS and was filled with sadness and fear of a disease that I really knew very little about.

One day I checked a box on a card that asked if I would like to volunteer for that year's AIDS walk. That check would change my life forever.

I remember the first night I showed up at the Walkathon office. It was raining and I was late. So what else is new? I had been "booked" to work on the phone bank that evening. I had hopped a cab and asked him to speed down 8th Avenue and 18th Street. Traffic was heavy for a Sunday and I was anxious. I gave the cabbie \$5 for the drive, jumped out and ran the last

several blocks.

I followed the trail of hand-made signs which read "AIDS Walk New York" out the back door to an empty lot...obviously the home of a brownstone which no longer existed. I staked out my next clue and found that I was on the right path and encountered another sign with an arrow pointed down into a dark basement.

I descended the steps, careful to heed the posted hand-written warning of "watch your head." I stepped into the basement turned office. It couldn't have been more than 12 feet wide and 50 feet long. What struck me most, was the amount of activity in such a small space. The energy was terrific.

I was a bit nervous. As I dripped in soaking wet, I extended my hand to Leif, the office manager. His smile was warm, and in a matter of five minutes I found myself equipped with a Diet Coke, a bevy of Oreos and Nutter Butters along with a comfortable chair.

Part of my volunteer package also included a role of stamps, molstener and a stack of letters. Since I was late, I would have to lick stamps rather than chat on the phone, one of my particular fortes and a favorite pastime.

My memories of this first night will live with me forever. Before that night I had been afraid of AIDS and of getting involved. It brought up too much for me to be so close to the issue of AIDS. I was afraid of stirring up memories and emotions, and my own mortality.

What I found out that evening years ago was not quite what I had expected. People were busily stamping, phoning, bundling, chatting and smiling. They were there to make a difference. And they did. They helped raise \$1.7 million that year for GMHC. To this day the Walkathon staff and volunteers remain among my closest friends.

The thing that continues to amaze me about AIDS and volunteering is the diversity of those who get involved, in contrast, to the

"stigma" of the disease. Gay men, women, children, married couples, seniors, lesbians, heterosexual men, all of whom have their own stories to tell.

Volunteer tasks are not always glamorous. Motivations for volunteering are unique to each individual. However, in the purest sense, volunteers inspire. They are the lifeline.

There are people like Celia, a 65-year-old woman, who never came in without toting a bag of cookies. Vanessa, a high school freshman, who worked 14-hour days for the cause. Linda and Odie, a married couple from Long Beach, who fought L.A. traffic to be there. Candace, a pregnant mother to be. Frank, a retired English professor with six grown children of his own, whose warm hugs became a staple for us all, and the many other volunteers who gave to AIDS Walk Los Angeles to benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). The list is endless and the love shared immeasurable.

For the past several months, I have been the Volunteer Resources Coordinator for APLA. I have had the joy of working with hundreds of volunteers who assist with different APLA programs...the Hotline which last year handled approximately 50,000 phone calls: the Buddy program, which matches a client with a volunteer friend; Necessities of life program (APLA Food Pantry) which serves more than 1,500 food orders a month, to name a few.

When I was young, I never thought about the power of the individual. I have come to know the greatness of one person, within this entity called the volunteer and the profound ways we all make a difference.

Joseph Umbrino is presently the Volunteer Resources Coordinator for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).

-Letters to Star-

Homosexuality is a sin. Homosexual people will have a price to pay.

Editor,

I would like to respond to the article on gays in the November 30, 1989, issue of the *Valley Star*. Sean's statement that "God loves everyone equally" is misleading and simply represents a way to avoid facing one's own sin.

To God, sin is sin, and some price must be paid. The sin of homosexuality is a particularly awful sin to God in that it distorts the natural purpose of and intended relationship between men and women.

Sean's statement that "God would never commit someone to hell because he's gay" is likewise false.

God has rendered judgement at Sodom and Gomorrah and in Romans, chapter one through three, [in the Bible] where God tells us that people in homosexual sin are "let go" into a path that leads to hell!

The good news is that Christ has made atonement for our sins and we need not go to hell.

Sean's statement that "murderers can repent, but gays have a tough time entering heaven" is not even remotely supported by any verse in the Bible Christians use. Even Sean's use of the word "repent" seems to be misinformed.

To "repent" means that you have turned away from bad things you are doing. It is impossible to repent of sin without God's spirit within you.

I am amazed that some gays feel they were born gay. There has been no proof of this. People must choose that path at some point in their lives. I believe gays are in need of God's saving power, that they should accept the fact that their practices constitute sin in God's eyes, and that they need to accept responsibility for that sin.

Sean, if you're reading this, my address has been included and I request that the *Valley Star* send it to you so that we may correspond. If you are truly seeking the way to heaven and truth, you will find it. Make no mistake about this: your life will be extremely different when you do!

John S. Scott
Transfer program student

Students want the Aqua Aerobics class to be reinstated.

Editor,

Students, ranging in age from 25 to 75, are appealing to Administration to reinstate the 9 a.m. Aqua Aerobics class which has been eliminated for the Spring semester.

These students want the 9 a.m. class for two reasons: First, because they have commitments and/or other classes in the late morning and afternoon; and second, evening classes are no longer available.

The 10 a.m. class currently scheduled for next semester, would make it impossible for many of the participants to continue this valued, healthful water exercise.

Most of the 30 students and senior citizens have signed a petition addressed to the Dean of Academic Studies. They say that they would be willing to pay an audit fee if necessary, to continue class.

Administration, are you listening?

Louis Bernoff
"One of them"

America represents freedom. G.A.L.A. members have rights.

Editor,

I was both saddened and exasperated reading Sean Dupont's testimony of G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) flyers being unlawfully removed and/or hateful slogans being written upon them.

When are people going to get it through their thick reactionary skulls that this is America, a free nation, where groups such as the G.A.L.A. have a right to exist!

I think there is something terribly wrong in America when people like David Duke, who belonged to a hateful terrorist group that even went as far as killing children because of the color of their skin, can get elected to a high ranking division of public office, yet, G.A.L.A. can't even post announcements on campus.

It's too bad Americans recognize terrorists rights to exist, but not Gay people.

College campuses at one time were a mecca for progressive thought and activism toward justice, now they seem to be by and large places full of the "new right" and their stale "old hat" ideology. The *Valley* campus seems to be right in there with so many other campuses.

I'm not putting Valley College down, this is my fourth semester here. I think *Valley* is a good school. We have some excellent instructors. We also have excellent courses in Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, etc. These people who are so troubled by G.A.L.A. flyers should enroll in these courses and not just go through the motions.

Maybe what they need to do is simply read a copy of the U.S. Constitution, if that does not put people's rights into perspective, then I would suggest they seek professional help, and find out why OTHER people's sexual preferences are such a threat to them, and creating such a crisis in their life.

Lisa Martinez
Humanities Major
KVCM radio

Lack of nurse's station on campus is deplorable.

Editor,

I want to express my appreciation to the Editor-in-chief [*Valley Star*] and her staff for publishing the letter which expressed the anguished experience of the woman who needed emergency medical help on the campus.

This shocking experience is repeated over and over. The campus has no nurse in attendance, no nurse's station.

This shocking condition has been condemned and deplored for years. Is there a remedy for it at hand? I offer the following.

Just recently the *Star* editorialized against the proposed increase in the Parking fee. I felt to protest against the increase was correct. But since [the editorial was printed] a revision was made regarding the increase. Now it is up to the individual campus to decide. I suggest, if there is no other way, that an increase be granted only if the funds are used to provide a nurse and nurse's station.

I hope the students, the ASU and the administration seriously consider this possibility.

Bill Fury

Commissioner of evening division offers apology to night students

Editor,

This letter is being sent to the *Valley star* not in regards to an article appearing in the *Star*, however, as an apology to the many evening students here at Valley college.

Due to the cancellation of the BBQ scheduled for December 12, 1989, the BBQ was cancelled due to red tape reasons. A transfer of funds that was approved by executive council on November 7, 1989, was not approved by the finance committee on the grounds of "lack of quorum."

I wish to thank those of you students that came to the ASU office on the evening of the BBQ questioning why it wasn't occurring. This definitely proves the ASU treasurer wrong when he stated "I don't think a BBQ is in the best interest of the evening students."

If there is any possible way of having a BBQ before the end of the semester, I will try my best to do it. Once again, I thank all you concerned students and remember as long as I'm your commissioner, you are the ones that make the rules that I follow.

A. Michael Juarez
Commissioner of evening division



Men do not have the right to decide women's rights about abortion.

Editor,

Re: Article; Abortion, America Divided;

I'm sure you'll get plenty of mail about these articles. The one that most disturbed me was "...dark side..." by Gary Clay.

First of all, who is a man to decide a woman's rights? Thanks to men, the Equal Rights Amendment has never passed!

But that's beside the point. What radio station advertises abortions? I listen to quite a few stations and have never heard such a thing. I seriously believe this is an exaggeration on his [Clay's] part.

Secondly, I believe the picture he paints is grossly distorted. The majority of abortions performed take place in the first trimester.

As staff writer, Julie Bailey points out, a fetus does not instantly assume full development. This procedure takes less than 20 minutes, a grand total of one hour at the clinic, not the entire day as Clay implies.

Thirdly, I object to his statement of seeing "babies cut up in sections..." Did the doctors at this clinic remove fully developed fetuses and then proceed to dismember them for cheap observation? Here is yet another exaggeration.

If you're going to publish such pompous crap, and from a *man* yet, you should at least balance it out with a truly *informative* article.

If Clay is such a pro-lifer, what was he doing working at a clinic? Sounds a little like Ed Muse to me!

Kelly Farinelli
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The *Star* reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are

obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the *Valley Star* office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.

This week on campus

Today-January 11

11:00 a.m.—Susan Svercek plays piano in the Music Recital Hall.
11:30-2:00 AND 7:00-9:00—The recent paintings, drawings and prints of Walter Askin-Art Gallery. Free admission.
7:30 p.m.—Hillel meets at 13162 Burbank Blvd.

Saturday-January 13

5:00 p.m.—Women's basketball hosts Glendale College at Men's Gym.
7:00 p.m.—Men's basketball hosts Glendale College at Men's Gym.

Tuesday-January 16

11:00 a.m.—ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meeting in Bungalow 69. Open to all.
Noon—Pro Choice Club meeting in Lion's Den.
Noon—MEChA meets in Foreign Language 111.
Noon—Gay & Lesbian Alliance meets in Behavioral Science 102.
1:30 p.m.—LAVC Affirmative Action advisory committee meeting in President's conference room.
8:00 p.m.—LAVC Symphony Orchestra performs in Monarch Hall. Admission free.

Wednesday-January 17

11:00 a.m.—Black Student Union meets in the Lion's Den.
Noon—Administration of Justice club meets in Bungalow 1.
5:00 p.m.—Women's basketball hosts Pierce College in Men's Gym.
7:00 p.m.—Men's basketball hosts West Los Angeles College in Men's Gym.

Buy Back...

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of the book, usually 10 to 25 percent of the original price, said Burns.

It is impossible to tell when a new edition will come out and render last semester's text obsolete. Burns said students can get an idea by looking on the copyright page of the text to see how often a new edition comes out.

Students often have no choice but

used books would be for sale, she said.

Some students suggest book borrowing. Luis Hiraes, English major, said, "I book-borrow with other students, so I can spend my money on other priorities like really expensive books for my major," he said.

Burns said book borrowing is a good idea but difficult to organize.

"We need to make a profit to break even... Our margin of profit is much smaller than other retail stores."

to buy new editions. "Publishers want to eliminate the used book market," said Burns.

Book buy back is a service, said Burns, and the bookstore is not required to offer it. If there were no buy back, the bookstore would be paying 5 to 10 percent more for new books and students would be paying more for their books because less

"The Associated Student Union tried it some years ago, but had trouble with students who were not honest, keeping track of books and policing the book station, she said.

The bookstore offers one price for the books, regardless of condition. "If the book is usable, we buy it back," said Burns. "If not, we sell it to the wholesaler."

Disabled...

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kinds of people: the able-bodied and the disabled. Essentially we are defined by what we supposedly lack. No one is absolutely or totally able and no one is totally incapable of accomplishing anything at all. Most of us are somewhere in between those two extremes yet society often perceives those of us who have disabilities... on one side of a gulf and those of you who allegedly have no disability are on the other. We sort of represent a negation of what humans are supposed to be.

"In our culture there is an obsession with appearance and fitness, a perfectionistic kind of appearance fitness. Just a while back there was an ad in *TV Guide* of a fitness center where the slogan said you can have the body you want. That is totally ridiculous since you can't have the body you want, and yet there are these people who are doing body sculpting, which to me is not just foolish but pathological.

"I think that's a real sickness in our culture. So there is a constant striving for perfection which in fact is a denial of human reality."

Longmore stressed that human beings come in lots of different shapes, sizes, colors and modes of functioning, and people get old, sick, and disabled. According to Longmore, the images of people on television and motion pictures help reinforce the definition of disability. He is now finishing a book that covers the topic in depth.

Waxman, the second speaker, said, "The reality is that establishing a [sexual] relationship for disabled people is very difficult. Disabled people are often dependent on caregivers of institutions. They can determine whether disabled people should be together for many reasons. One reason why they worry about pregnancy. Another is that worry that any sexual activity will be disruptive to the rest of the institution."

"If we're not getting laid, we're not to blame," said Waxman. "My main goal is to get disabled people



LUTHER ORRICK / Valley Star

AWARENESS — Dr. Paul Longmore speaks in Monarch Hall against society's image of the disabled.

to express their rage of being excluded sexually from society."

Other topics covered in depth

sex for disabled gays and lesbians.

Chris James, a Valley student who has a visual disability, said the

"The reality is that establishing a (sexual) relationship for disabled people is very difficult."

were sex in couples and the fear of disabled couples reproducing. Questions from the audience were frequent and included topics such as

seminar was very informative. He felt the most important goal of a disabled person was to accept oneself.

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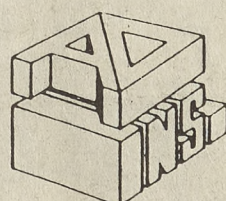
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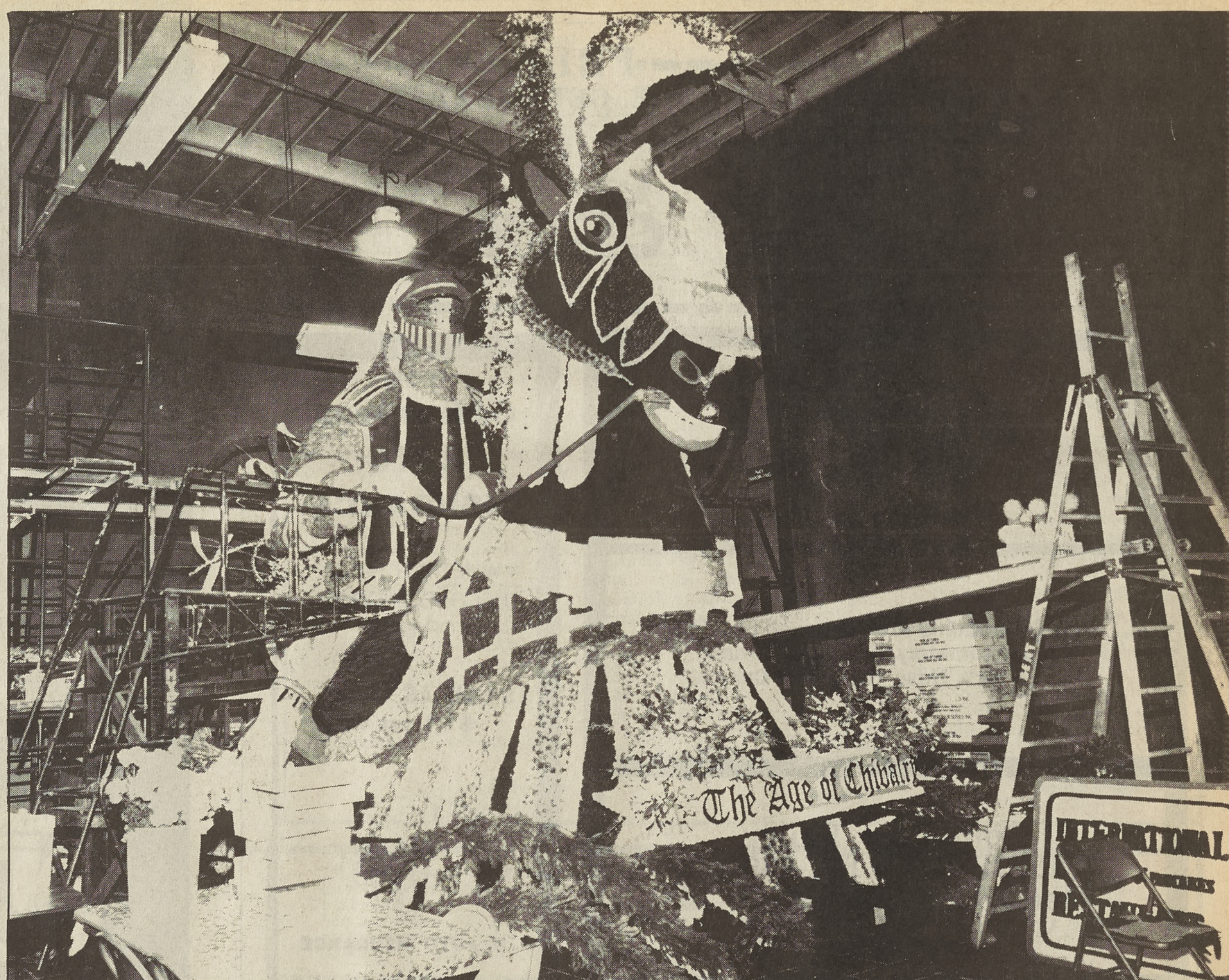
CAMPING OUT — Spectators await the parade.



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SNOWFLAKE — A woman arranges the center of a snowflake for the Glendale entry.



IHOP FLOAT — The International House of Pancakes entry, *The Age of Chivalry*, awaits final touches before the line-up.

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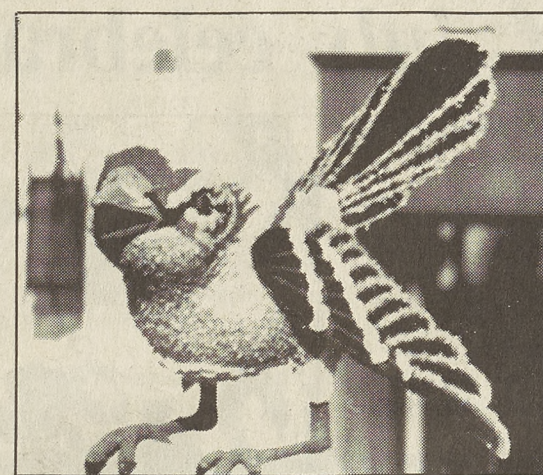
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The tradition continues.



CROCODILE ROCK — Float rocks the crowd as the *Carnation Company's* entry.



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Late professor honored in Askin exhibition

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

A world of shadows, a pool of black — one man poised at the brink suddenly dives into the blackness.

The image is part of *The Pendulum*, one of the paintings of international artist Walter Askin now being exhibited at LAVC's Art Gallery under the title "Some Further Visual Dietary Supplements From the Aesthetic Kitchen, Being a Collection of Gregarious Divergences, Convergences, Preoccupations, and

Fields of Attractions: The Recent Paintings, Drawings and Sculptures of Walter Askin."

The exposition at Valley marks the first time in a decade in which the works of Pasadena-based Askin has been seen in the United States. Askin's last U.S. exhibition was shown at USC in 1980.

Since then, his work has been exhibited throughout Europe. "Our staff was interested in showing his work at Valley," said Dennis Reed, art instructor at LAVC. Reed was responsible for bringing Askin's work to the campus.

The exposition was partially

funded by ASU while the rest was raised in a fund-raiser held in the memory of Fidel Danieli.

Danieli, who died last March, was a teacher at Valley for 25 years, and he was the first art critic to review Askin's work.

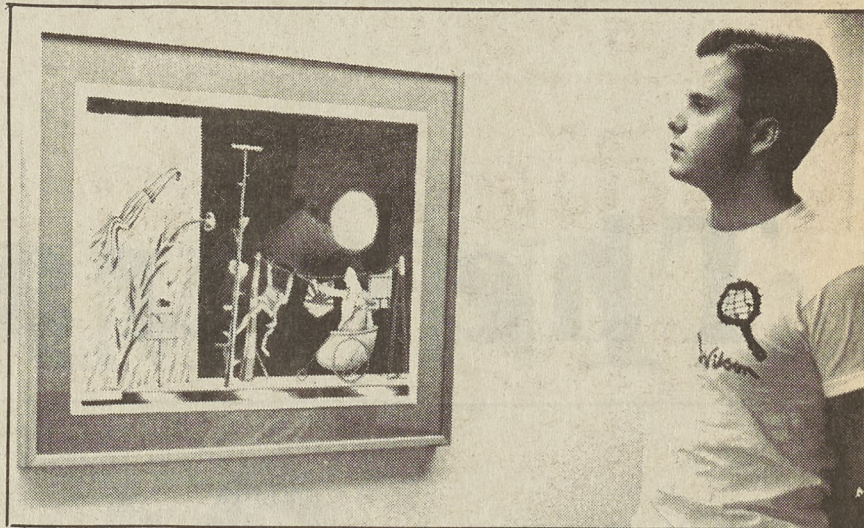
Askin's paintings and sculpture were given a larger showing due to expansion of the gallery into a space that was formerly a teacher's conference room. The gallery was made into a larger exhibit room in order to fully show Askin's art work.

Askin's lithographs and sculptures are done in a variety of

mediums ranging from charcoal, and graphite to oil, acrylics and ink. Some of his most fascinating work is done in charcoal and ink.

These pieces, although large in size, shows a great deal of detail. The character's in the art work were visually stimulating, and were drawn in a way in which the artist's message was clearly understandable.

The exhibition continues until next Thursday. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.



TRANSFIXED — Bret Alto looks intently at one of Walter Askin's paintings, which are currently on view at the LAVC Art Gallery.

4th of July celebrates human spirit, *Always* touches its emotions

Cruise gives performance of movie career

By PATRICIA RUBIO
Staff Writer

Oliver Stone once again directs a powerfully gritty and unglamorous portrayal of war in his new movie, *Born on the Fourth of July*.

Co-written by Ron Kovic and director Stone, *Born on the Fourth of July* is an autobiographical account of Kovic's harrowing experiences in Vietnam and his heroic adjustment to life as a paraplegic war veteran.

Tom Cruise stars as Kovic, a naive young man seduced by his glamorized dreams of war. His ambition to excel and his fantasy of receiving a hero's welcome motivates Kovic to enlist in the Marines.

Kovic dreams of finding the adventure and glory of war in Vietnam. Instead, he discovers Vietnam is not at all like the games of combat he played as a child. The real horrors of war quickly turn his dream into a nightmare.

Worse still, when Kovic is shot, leaving him paralyzed from mid-chest down, he does not receive the hero's welcome he expects coming home.

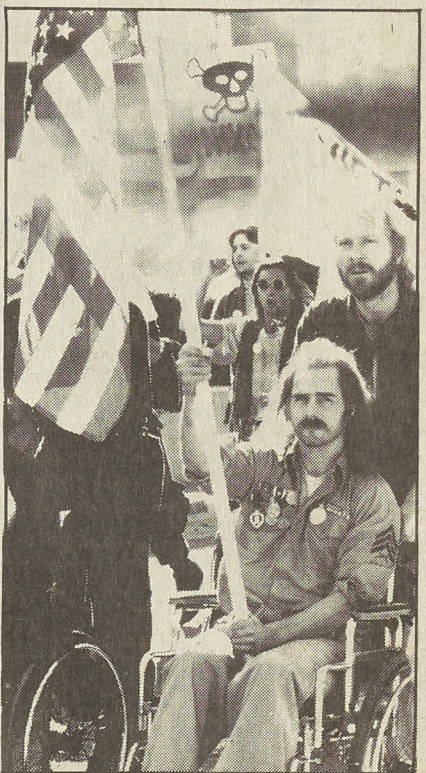
With all but two of his friends killed in Vietnam, Kovic is left trying to adjust to the changing opinions of the Vietnam war among those around him, as well as in himself.

Murder on the (air)waves

Did Lucas Freeman kill Uncle Reginald? Or was it the strange persona, Jimmy, who no one else can see but Lucas?

Murder hits the airwaves for the first time at LAVC's radio station, KVCN-AM (830). The station is presenting *Jimmy by the Sea*, a live two-act murder-mystery.

Produced and directed by Jonathan Wright and written by Kenneth Morton, *Jimmy by the Sea* will air Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.



FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT — Tom Cruise stars as activist Ron Kovic in Oliver Stone's *Born on the Fourth of July*.

Born on the Fourth of July almost continues where Stone's earlier *Platoon* left off. The movie takes the viewer one step further, showing the unsympathetic welcome many veterans received upon their arrival in the United States.

The battle scenes are both graphic and realistic, showing the true horrors of war. Equally upsetting are the scenes which involve the insen-

sitive and shabby treatment returning soldiers received in some Veterans Administration hospitals.

Instead of finding physical and mental care, many of the patients were heavily sedated and left untreated for long periods of time.

It contrasts with the look of the movie, which is visually beautiful. From the sandy shores of Vietnam to Kovic's small and quiet hometown of Massapequa, New York, both depth and realism is created. Also, the music used throughout the movie accurately reflects the changing mood in the characters as well as the 20-year timespan of the movie.

Cruise gives the best performance of his movie career. His emotionally stirring portrayal of Kovic is sensitive, tragic and yet uplifting. The character's transition from a naive high school boy to a war-ravaged veteran is handled gracefully by Cruise.

Willem Dafoe also gives a great performance in his supporting role as Charlie, a bitter paraplegic Vietnam veteran whom Kovic encounters in Mexico. Charlie unwittingly helps Kovic realize that running away won't solve his problems.

Dafoe and Cruise work well together. Unfortunately, Dafoe's role is minimal, but his acting leaves a lasting impression.

Born on the Fourth of July is a powerful movie which should be seen by all in order to further understand the unnecessary pain and suffering created by wars. The film, along with Stone and Cruise, should receive recognition on Oscar night.

Dreyfuss flies his way into Hunter's heart

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

Steven Spielberg's latest movie, *Always*, is both an adventure and love story that touches the audience's emotions. *Always* is set in a Montana forest station, where men and women fight forest fires by air.

Richard Dreyfuss stars as Pete, a hot-shot tanker pilot who loves taking dangerous risks, and Holly Hunter, who plays Dorinda, the dispatcher/pilot deeply in love with Pete. While saving his best friend Al (John Goodman), Pete's plane explodes, leaving Dorinda devastated.

But Pete's life is not entirely over. His new mission is to use his experience to help a naive rookie pilot named Ted (Brad Johnson) gain confidence. Pete is supervised by Hap (Audrey Hepburn), a heavenly mentor who shepherds him through his new role as Ted's guardian angel.

Dreyfuss is excellent as the risk-taking, good-looking Pete. His character evolves from a thrillseeking, prankster to the sensitive, caring guy who must learn to let go of his feelings for Dorinda. Hunter's performance, on the other hand, lacked depth and credibility.

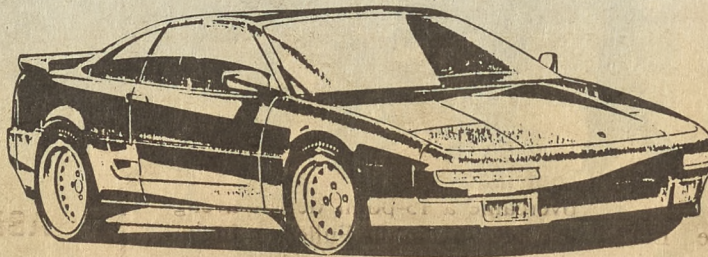


ROMANCE — Holly Hunter and Richard Dreyfuss are sky-high in Steven Spielberg's *Always*.

As usual, Goodman is the outgoing happy-go-lucky type of guy who encourages Dorinda to go on with her life, and he gets some big laughs as well.

A remake of the 1942 movie *A Guy Named Joe*, *Always* seems tailor-made for Spielberg's talents. It isn't his best, but at least it's enjoyable.

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Ladies lose home opener

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

The Lady Monarchs may have established themselves as the "road warriors" of the Western State Conference after going 8-1 during their longest road trip of the season, including a first-place finish in the Candy Kane Classic.

However, in their season home opener against Bakersfield Community College, Saturday, the Lady Monarchs appeared "road weary" losing 59-50.

The win puts Bakersfield back on the "Mendoza Line" at 8-8, and 1-1 in the conference, while Valley goes to 15-4, and 1-1 in conference play.

Valley held a 24-19 half-time lead but Bakersfield, sparked by a 20-point performance by Jeannete Vega, took a 12-point lead with four minutes left in the game.

"We came out very lethargic in the second half," said Monarch head coach Doug Michelson. "We put ourselves in a very precarious situation needing a miraculous comeback."

That "Miraculous comeback" came in the form of forward Claudia Rocha who sparked a Lady Monarch comeback with 12 points. Rocha's hot shooting brought Valley back within two points with two minutes left.

With 1:40 left in the game, Monarch forward Angie Smith hit what appeared to be a game-tying bucket. However, she was charged with a charging foul negating the basket and thwarting the comeback.

"Claudia Rocha nearly turned the game around for us," said Michelson, "but poor play in the first 16 minutes put us in a dismal situation."

Sandrine Rocher, the Lady Monarch's leading scorer averaging

nearly 20 points per game, was slowed by the flu. Rocher finished with just four points and six rebounds.

"Sandrine put up a valiant effort," added Michelson, "but it just wasn't there for us."

Rocher has been practicing very hard and should be 100 percent against Glendale Saturday at 5 p.m. at Valley, according to Michelson.

Valley will host Pierce on Wednesday and Ventura on Jan. 20, constituting the softest part of the schedule. Both games begin at 5 p.m.

The holiday season could not have been more merrier for the Lady Monarchs who were just simply "sultans" on the road.

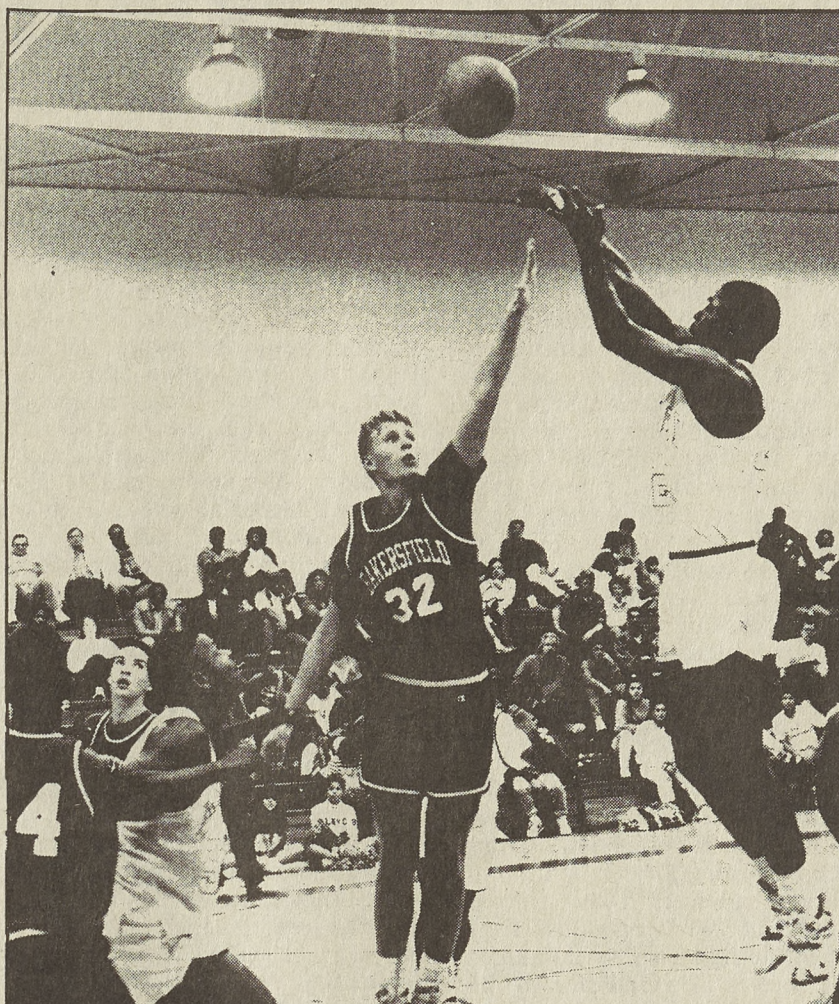
Christmas vacation began with victories over 12th ranked Mira Costa Community College on Dec. 15 and Grossmont Community College the following day.

In the Candy Kane Classic, Valley soundly defeated Pasadena Community College in the opener and Saddleback Community College in the semi-finals before beating up on conference foe Ventura Community College 84-65 in the finals, Dec. 20.

Center Laura Kirkpatrick was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Guard Christine Ruffola was also named to the All-Tournament team.

Valley did not fare quite as well in the Fullerton Invitational tournament losing to College of the Canyons 73-72 despite overcoming a 10-point deficit. Valley beat Fullerton Community College and Ohlone Community College in the consolation games.

The Lady Monarchs got off to a good start in 1990 with a road victory over Canyons 72-67 in their conference opener, Jan. 3. Valley overcame a 13-point deficit avenging their loss in the Fullerton Invitational Tournament.



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THE RIGHT TOUCH — Monarch forward Shelton Boykin shoots.

Men begin WSC 2-0; Glendale targeted next

Last-second shot beats BCC

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

The high-scoring Monarchs are off to a flying start in 1990, winning their first two conference games, but will be tested at home against one of the better teams in the Western State Conference, Glendale Community College, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Glendale, 13-7 overall and 1-1 in conference play, came within 10 seconds of upsetting conference powerhouse Santa Monica before losing 75-74, courtesy of Mark Moten's follow shot.

"They're a good team but I think we're just as good," said Monarch Head Coach Jim Stephens. "They're going to be disciplined and they're not going to take a lot of bad shots."

"We must play better defense and show a little more patience on offense."

The game will feature a battle of two outstanding guards.

Glendale's Dave Swanson is an outstanding shooter from three-point range and is coming off a 21-point performance against Santa Monica.

Valley, 11-8 overall and 2-0 in conference play, will counter with Andre Harrel, who may have hit the biggest shot of his young career in Saturday's conference home opener against Bakersfield.

Valley had the ball with the score tied 109-109 with seven seconds left, after Bakersfield's Robert Murphy hit a three-point shot.

The Monarchs pushed the ball up the court quickly and Eric McDaniels found Harrel in the corner, who proceeded to calmly drain a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer.

Harrel finished with 20 points and eight assists. Shawn DeLaitre scored 19 points and had eight rebounds and Steve Ward scored 13 points, all in the second half.

Valley defeated College of the Canyons 124-100 on Jan. 3 to open conference play.

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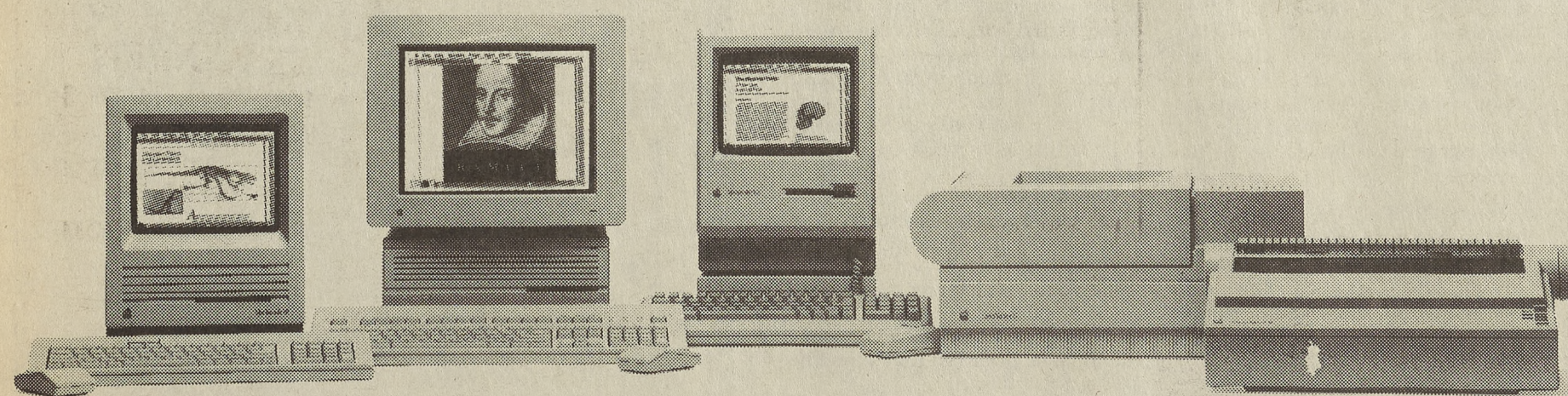
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Armenia: Tradition and Tragedy

Once unknown to many Americans, it was called home by many Armenians. Many may still not know its history but everyone knows the tragedies of its people. It is a country which has suffered just as its people have for many years.

TEXT BY
ANNIE OUZOUNIAN



FURY OF THE QUAKE — City left in shambles by the 6.9 disaster.

Devastation To Renovation: Has Armenia Recovered?

"As soon as it happened, I grabbed my baby and ran to get out of the house, but when I was only seven feet from the door, the building collapsed. A big block of cement collapsed on my legs, and I was trapped beneath," Anahid Igitian, an Armenian Earthquake victim, says at an interview in the Nor Gyank Armenian Newspaper. "It was three days and nights before they found me. I totally lost feeling in my legs, and at one point was attacked by rats who were gnawing at my feet. I was too worn out to scream, but the baby screamed and they ran away," she said.

On the morning of December 7, 1988, a massive earthquake hit Soviet Armenia, the smallest republic of the Soviet Union. The tremor measured 6.9 on the Richter scale and was followed by an after-shock measuring 5.8.

Sources indicate that approximately 100,000 people lost their lives, while hundreds of thousands more became homeless due to the enormous destruction of homes, schools, factories, and other structures. Thousands of children

became orphans.

The quake occurred in a region situated 95 miles north of Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia. Its epicenter was in the town of Spitak, which had a population of 16,000. Spitak was utterly devastated and disappeared from the face of the earth. The earthquake also struck Leninakan, the second largest city of Soviet Armenia, with a population of 200,000. Reports indicate that 75 percent of the city's structures and homes were leveled by the quake. It also hit Kirovan, the third largest city of Soviet Armenia, with a population of 160,000.

It has been reported that over 20 towns and 350 villages were severely affected by the earthquake. Also the damages reached the \$16.2 billion mark.

The temblor also destroyed many historic monuments. Over one-third of all historic monuments in Soviet Armenia were either completely destroyed or seriously damaged by the quake. Among the structures ruined were ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, and fortresses, some of which date back to the fifth

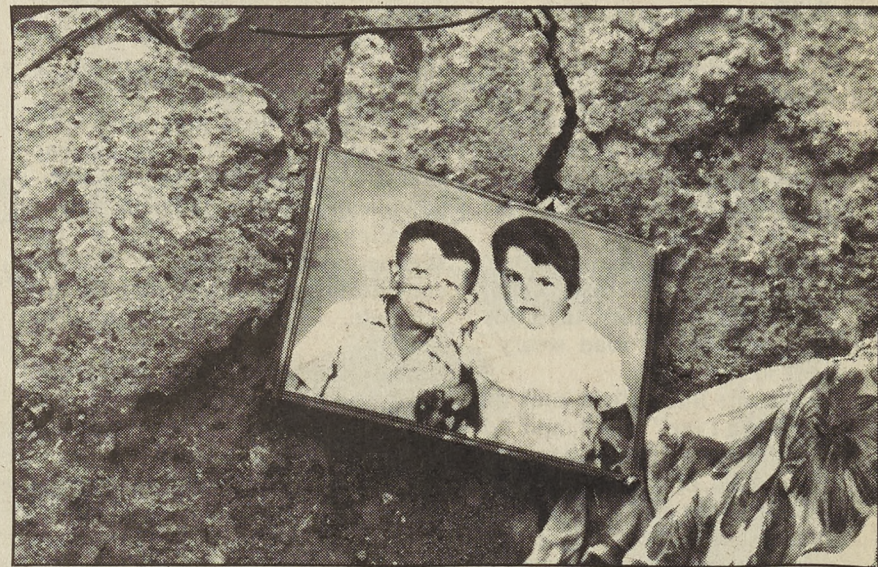
century.

The earthquake relief activities began almost immediately after receiving news of the earthquake. Many donations were raised by many different Armenian organizations.

Panelloads of medical supplies and other goods were sent to assist with the emergency aid effort, along with psychiatrists, psychologists and

social workers, who went to Soviet Armenia and gave direct psychiatric treatment to the earthquake victims. Help was sent from all over the world.

Students from United States also went to help with the reconstruction. But with all this help it is still not enough to renovate Armenia from the great devastation.



Why Do Armenians Celebrate Christmas On January 6?

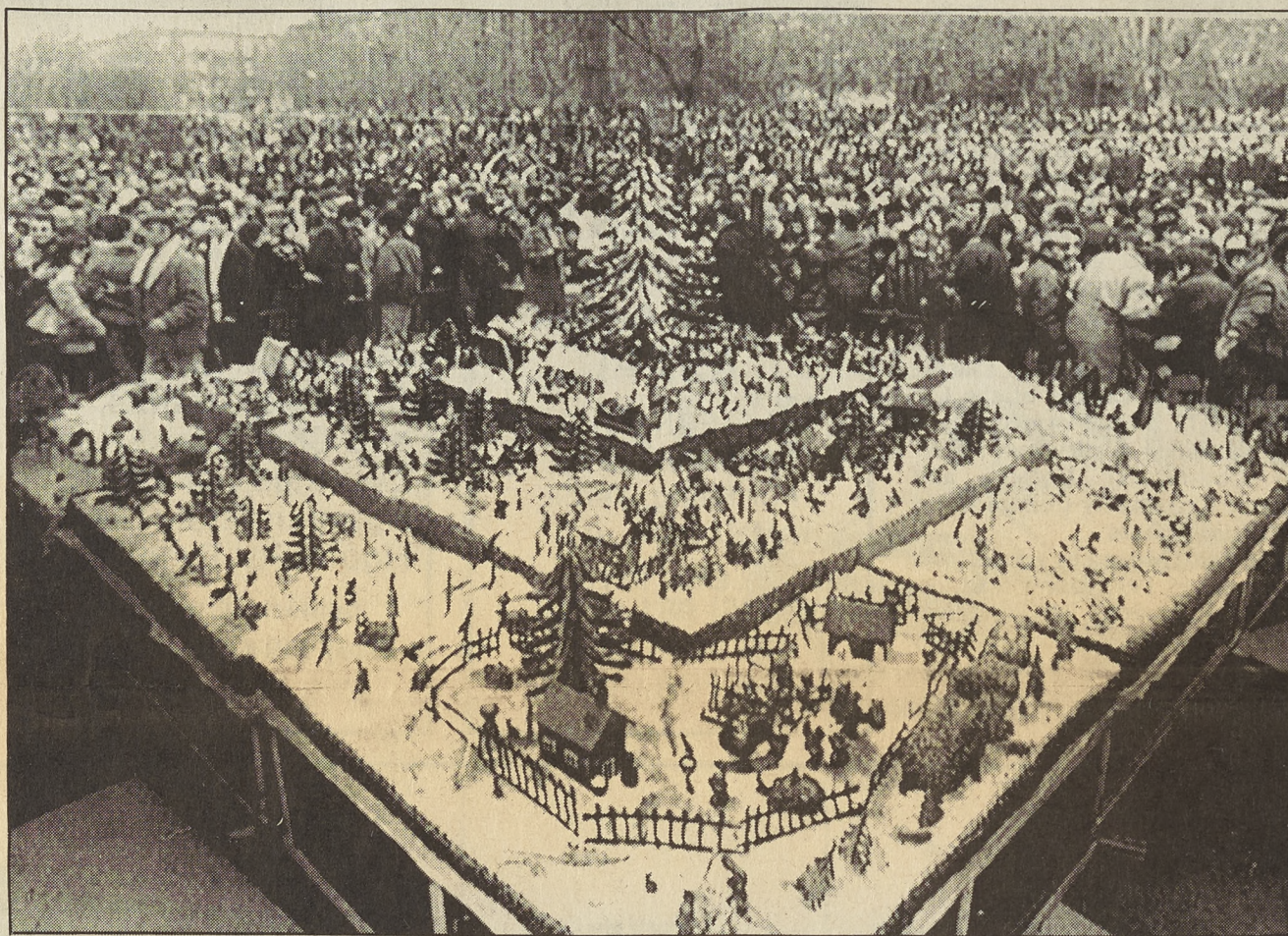
Christmas is celebrated on the sixth not because of the difference between the old and the new calendar. It is a historical fact that the celebration of Christ's birth on the sixth of January in all of the Christian Churches goes back further than that of the December. Moreover the name of the festival was not "Christmas" nor "Nativity." It was called "Theophany," which is a Greek word meaning Manifestation or Revelation of God.

A letter from a Bishop of Rome in the fourth century has been quoted relating to the joint celebration of the Birth and Baptism of Christ on the sixth of January. "The faithful," the letter says, "met before dawn at Bethlehem to celebrate the birth from the virgin in the cave; but before their hymns and the lessons were finished they had to hurry off to river Jordan (13 miles from Bethlehem) to celebrate the Baptism. The consequence was that neither commemoration could

be kept fully and properly." The writer then goes on to plead with the bishop of Rome to ascertain the exact date of Christ's birth, or else to

find some means to celebrate them separately. This letter shows the origin of the future change and one of the reasons for separating the celebration of the Birth from that of the Baptism.

The main reason, however, seems to be as follows: Dec. 25 in the Roman Empire was a day of great feast connected with the "Birth of the Sun" known "Saturnalia," since after the winter Solstice, the days, having reached their shortest limit, begin to grow longer and longer. Because of the promise on that day (Dec. 25) of longer days to follow, there were great rejoicings. So the Church thought to prevent the faithful from attending the "abominable" celebrations of this very popular pagan festivals on that particular date.



CAKE OF THE QUAKE — Christmas spirit survives earthquake when 5-ton cake is presented to victims.

Coming to America

My heritage is steeped in tradition and tragedy. Whether celebrating our special Christmas, reviewing the history of the genocide or remembering the suffering of earthquake victims, my upbringing has given me a unique sense of culture and history.

My life as an Armenian woman in America has been bittersweet. While continuing to uphold my strict family obligations the opportunities and experiences offered here often times lead to conflict within myself.

My father's beliefs coincide with the poem *Message to My Child*, which is written by a famous Armenian poet, Silva Kaputikian. As he battles with the thought of losing me in the American society.

He feels my having too many American influences such as: speaking too much English, having too many American friends, and choosing to behave more like an American than an Armenian, I may forget my culture.

But I feel as a native Armenian nothing can take away the fact of who I am and where I come from.

Natural Disasters Are Tolerable, Man's Inhumanity Is Despicable

"The Armenians must be exterminated. If any Muslim protects a Christian, first, his house shall be burnt; then the Christian killed before his eyes, then his [the Muslim's] family and himself." Dr. Clarence Ussher, an American physician in Van at the time, reported that Djewet Bey, brother-in-law of Enver Pasha, the Minister of War of Turkey, issued the order throughout the province. This is according to "The Armenian Genocide, News Accounts from the American Press (1915-1922)," a book written by Richard D. Kioian.

The combination of a ruthless, all-powerful dictatorship guided by an ideology of racial purity and territorial expansion can neither be neglected nor underestimated in

interpreting the events in Turkey from 1914-1918. In particular, this combination accounts for Turkey's entrance into World War I on the side of Germany and for her policy of extermination of the Armenians.

In the words of Ambassador Morgenthau: "As a last step, those who remained, mothers, grandmothers, children, were driven forth on their death pilgrimages across the desert of Aleppo, with no food, no water, no shelter, to be robbed and beaten at every halt, to see children slain in scores before their eyes, and babies dashed to death against rocks or spitted on the bayonets of the soldier guards."

In 1914 the Ottoman Government had become a dictatorship of three

Committee of Union and Progress (CUP) members: Talaat Pasha, Minister of Interior; Enver Pasha, Minister of War; and Djemal Pasha, Minister of Marine. These three young Turks, after consolidating their grip over the ruling bureaucracy, degenerated from initial liberal reformers to a ruling elite obsessed with their own power and determined to enforce their own nationalistic ideology, a combination of Turkishism and Pan-Turanism, on their subjects.

Their plan began to unfold in January 1915, when Armenian soldiers, serving as loyal subjects of the Ottoman Empire, were disarmed by government decree and forced to work in labor battalions where they were treated as road laborers and pack animals, driven by whips and bayonets and finally slaughtered.

After slaughtering most of the able-bodied Armenian men, the Turkish authorities ensured the Armenians would not be able to defend themselves against a state-imposed genocide. On April 23-24, 1915, the arrests of Armenians began in the capital of Constantinople. Several hundred were taken away in a roundup, and few days later the figured swelled to more than 600. Most of these arrested were sent out of the city and then murdered. There are few media accounts of this roundup, which was so devastating to the Armenian community that April 24 continues to serve as the memorial date for remembrance of the victims of the Genocide.

In the face of the world indifference, the Armenians were left to recover by themselves. On March 15, 1921, Talaat Pasha was assassinated in Berlin by a young Armenian named Solomon Teitlian.

The Armenian quest for justice

continued; on Dec. 6, 1921, former Grand Vizier Said Halim Pasha (who was freed from Malta), was assassinated in Rome by Arshavir Shiragian. Shiragian struck again in Berlin on April 7, 1922, gunning down two CUP members, Djemal Azmy Bey, former governor of Konia, and Dr. Baha Eddin Chakir.

Djemal Pasha was assassinated in Tiflis on July 25, 1922 by Petros Ter Boghossian and Artashes Gevorgian, and Enver Pasha was killed in Turkestan on Aug. 4, 1922 fighting in the Bashmachi revolt against the Russians.

Today, the Turkish government and Turkish-trained historians claim that there was no Armenian Genocide. They claim that the Armenians were against the Ottoman authorities, that they were disloyal and could not be trusted, and that for military security reasons they had to be relocated.

The Turkish government did not hold a monopoly on inhumane and heartless individuals; mass-murder was also well appreciated by Adolf Hitler, who, once in power, delivered the following message to his commanders-in-chief on August 22, 1939 just prior to his invasion of Poland:

"Thus for the time being I have sent to the East only my 'Death's Head Units' with the order to kill without pity or mercy all men, women and children of the Polish race or language. Only in such a way will we win the vital space we need. Who still talks nowadays of the extermination of the Armenians?"

The international amnesia concerning the Armenian Genocide still continues to this day, but perhaps the chief reason for world forgetfulness of this unpunished crime against humanity is the unwillingness of governments to honestly examine the past. But that would be asking for a miracle.

MESSAGE TO MY CHILD

When Spring dressed in blossoming flowers
Awakened its brooks with the song of the bird,
With life reborn, urged by gentle powers,
My child's voice was heard.

As if it were holy communion,
Parting the sweet lips of my young,
He uttered a priceless word
In our saintly Armenian tongue.

Heed then this advice, little son,
As if comes from your mother's heart,
This day I place in your trust,
The Armenian language,
A treasure from which you must ne'er part.

It has sliced through dark nights of the past,
Ever roaring forward with hope,
At the zenith of the Armenian arrow
With the saintly genius of Mesrop.

It has inspired script and prayer,
It has created legend and rhyme,
It has become promise and a banner,
Marking our progress through time.

With it the Armenian wanderer
Has uttered his heartfelt woe,
From it our people have thundered battle songs
As they marched against the foe.

My mother sang its lullabies
As she cradled me 'tween her hips,
And now reaching across the years,
Worn smooth and mellowed through centuries,
It has finally touched your lips.

So my beloved child,
Open those precious lips and sing,
Let our ancient words mature in your mouth,
From you, the cherished language will sing.

Hold it always close like a lover
For power to you'll impart
Like the sacred snows of mount Ararat,
Or your ancestors' ashes
Keep it ever near your heart.

Protect it with the shield of your bared chest
Against every enemy, evil or strife,
As you would defend your own mother
From a sword drawn against her life.
Remember my son,
Under this moon,
Wherever you go,
Whomever you are among,
Sooner Forsake Your Mother's Name
Than Forget Your Mother Tongue.

